GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2
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INCREASE IN CHARGES OF PASSPORT APPLICATION FORMS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether charges of passport application forms have increased ;

(b) if so, the details of current application form charges ;

(c) whether the sale of passport application forms has been restricted :

(d) if so, the places in Delhi and New Delhi, location-wise where application forms are available along with the time for procuring them ;

(e) whether the Government proposes to sale these forms through post offices as in the past; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b) The charges of passport application forms have not been increased. Currently, application form for issue of a fresh/duplicate passport costs Rs 10 (ten) only and that for miscellaneous services costs Rs 5 (five) only.

(c)&(d) Passport application forms are available for sale at the Regional Passport Offices, District Passport Centres and designated Speed Post Centres.These forms can also be downloaded free of cost from internet (http://passport.mc.in). In Delhi, these forms are available at the Regional Passport Office at Bhikaji Cama Place, 02 District Passport Centres at Shakarpur and Asaf Ali Road, 04 Speed Post Centres at Gole Dak Khana, Safdarjung Enclave, Gole Market and IGIA Terminal.

(e) & (f) These forms are being sold at the designated Speed Post Centres in the country since March 2001.